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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 November 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Specification

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weaver Jr. et al (US 6,108,364) in view of Sunthoff (US 200400002346).

Claim 1, Weaver teaches a wideband spread spectrum repeater (see fig.4 and col. 11, lines 51- col.12, line 43 and abstract) comprising:

Weaver teaches a receiver for receiving wideband pulse signals (150 and 170 of fig.4).

Weaver teaches a transmitter for transmitting wide band pulse signals (see 180 and 160 of fig.4).

Weaver teaches a relay controller for transmitting pulse signals, which are received by said receiver, at transmitting timing different from the receiving timing by a pulse unit (see fig.4 and col. 11, lines 51- col.12; line 43 and abstract).

Weaver does not expressly teach ultra wideband signal. However, Sunthoff teaches ultra wideband relay (see page 7, paragraph 0079 and fig.13).

then, it would have been obvious to an artisan of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to use ultra wideband pulse in the system of Weaver, as evidenced by Sunthoff, since ultra wideband signal system have high time domain resolution and better perform in a multi-path environment.

Claim 2, Weaver teaches the relay controller includes a delay unit (156,176) that delays pulse signals received by said receiver (see fig.4 and col. 11, lines 51- col.12, line 43) .

Claim 3, Weaver teaches the relay controller deactivates (172 and 152 switches) the receiving feature said receiver the transmitting timing or causes output the receiver not to be supplied the transmitter (see fig.4, and col. 11, lines 51- col.12, line 43).

Claim 4, it is system claim which corresponds to apparatus claim 1, above. Therefore, it is analyzed and rejected for the same reason as set forth in the claim.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tilahun B Gesesse whose telephone number is 571-272-7879. The examiner can normally be reached on flexible schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Edward Urban can be reached on 571-272-7899.

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